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► A curious polar bear checks out a tundra vehicle near Churchill, Man. The majestic animals are on the front lines of climate change, and the strain is starting to show. Metro Winnipeg's Elisha Dacey spent three days in Churchill with Coca-Cola, the World Wildlife Fund and others to learn about the efforts underway to ensure polar bears don't disappear from the face of the Earth. Move coverage, pages 7-9.

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Proposed smoke ban sent to city

► Colleges, universities and hospitals could opt in on new bylaws as well



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The Middlesex-London health board gave the go-ahead Thursday for banning smoking in public places.

Board members voted 6-5 to request that officials in London — plus those at the county level — draft bylaws forcing people to butt out. Targeted areas include parks, sports fields and patios at bars and restaurants.

Patios got the most attention at Thursday's meeting with Stephen Orser, a city council representative on the health board, saying business owners shouldn't be punished.

"It's going to be very problematic," said Orser, who voted against the idea. "I really don't think these business owners that have built up large investments in these patios ... should have to deal with ... city hall trying to shut them down."

Board member Viola Poletes-Montgomery disagreed, saying the health unit needs to set the bar high and "be the pulse of wellness for the community."

"I think a lot of emotion has been added into this with people thinking businesses are under

Butting out

A proposal to ban smoking in public spaces focuses on:

- Parks
- Playgrounds
- Sports fields
- Outdoor seating areas, including bar and restaurant patios.
- Areas no more than nine metres from the doors of public places and workplaces.
- Municipally owned or operated recreational facilities, such as skating rinks.

threat," she said. "What we're trying to say is secondhand smoke is harmful.... We are trying to keep our community members alive and healthy. That's where our focus should be."

It's unknown when city council will hear a presentation from the health unit. Orser, who said the issue should be considered at the provincial level, doesn't expect overwhelming acceptance.

"I think that council is going to spend a lot of time on this, and it's going to split it right down the middle," he said. "I think it's going to be hard for a lot of people on council to force smokers out on the street."

Bearing witness to climate change

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People magazine failed to name Ryan Gosling Sexiest Man Alive, and fans are not taking it lying down. Video at metronews.ca/video

Fatal. Stabbing



► A police officer sits guard Thursday morning at a Simcoe Street apartment house where a man was fatally stabbed. Police said Dexter Elliott, 56, of London died in hospital about 45 minutes after officers were called about 9 p.m. Wednesday to a residence east of Colborne Street. Gordon Pocock, 49, of London has been charged with second-degree murder.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Death marks city's sixth homicide of the year

Task force aims to spread Occupy London's voice

► Group has support of city officials, but members stress it will be directed by community ► Hope to have action plan read for city early next year



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Days after the majority of Occupy London participants turned their backs on an olive branch from city leaders, a community task force has taken up the charge.

Led by former MP Glen Pearson, the Citizen Initiative to Assist Occupy London has rolled out a mechanism and timeline

for addressing issues including homelessness, income disparity and mental illness.

"We're committed to the Occupy movement and the issues that are out there," Pearson said Thursday as the group's plans were announced. "We want to take that voice of Occupy ... out further into the community."

The task force's first step will be a Dec. 13 sym-

posium at Wolf Performance Hall led by "high-calibre" experts in fields including public policy and economics.

Organizers hope the discussion will spur community engagement and generate enough interest to form a variety of work groups.

Those groups will then meet during January and February to discuss how various societal problems can be addressed at the lo-

cal, provincial and federal levels.

In March, leaders of the initiative will make a presentation complete with policy recommendations to city council.

James Shelley, a part-time social worker and a member of the Citizen Initiative, said Ward 5 Coun. Joni Baechler has agreed to serve as a bridge between London and higher levels of government.

Poppy Fund gets cash infusion

The London Poppy Fund officially got its due Thursday when Astral Radio London gave more than \$6,175 in donations to the group.

CJBK 1290 started a community campaign to repay poppy donations stolen Nov. 6 from the Canadian Corps Veterans Association on Dundas Street.

The money handed over yesterday was just a portion of the more than \$10,000 netted through the effort.

In a rash of other poppy box thefts, police have issued an arrest warrant for Robby Bowen, 45, of London. He is accused of stealing four donation boxes between Nov. 9 and Remembrance Day. ● METRO

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► Robby Bowen

Elderly man struck

Anyone who may have seen a pedestrian collision at Colborne and Horton streets Wednesday at around 7:30 p.m. is asked to contact police. An elderly man was walking northbound across Horton when he was struck by a westbound vehicle. The pedestrian remains in hospital. ● METRO



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Baseball

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► Austin Meendeering, 54, of London, left, gets game tickets Thursday from London Majors co-owner Roop Chanderdat during a giveaway at Labatt Park.

REPAIRING DAMAGE DONE

The London Majors are on a mission.

The day after the city's new Frontier League team kicked up controversy with its new brand, Majors' owners Roop Chanderdat and Scott Dart were at Labatt Park handing out tickets. They were joined by representatives from the London Abused Women's Centre, a show of solidarity between the groups.

"Absolutely," Dart said Thursday when asked if the giveaway was organized as a response to David Martin's unveiling of the London Rippers brand.

The team's name, logo and mascot — which critics say mimics serial killer Jack the Ripper, who preyed on women — was taking the focus away from this month's Shine the Light on Woman Abuse campaign, the Majors owners said. Plus, they said, the controversy, which has made international news, is casting a negative light

on the city.

"That's not what baseball's about," Dart said. "The onus is on us to try to repair (the image)."

Some people who cashed in on the free tickets said they aren't necessarily offended by the Rippers name and logo. But, most noted, they are big-time Majors fans and plan to continue supporting the Intercounty Baseball League team.

As for the future of the Rippers, Martin, who last month succeeded in a bid to lease Labatt Park from the city for the Frontier League team, did not respond Thursday to a request for comment. On Wednesday, Martin said he had no intentions of rebranding his team, despite a request from the city and promised protests from the Women's Centre.

He also denies the team's name has any connection to the British serial killer.

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Namestnikov finding the net for Knights

► 18-year-old was first-round pick of Tampa Bay Lightning in June

► He's had at least a point in every game this month (seven in four games)

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A Russian sniper was considered a valuable commodity during the Cold War. The London Knights have one of their own, but he wields a hockey stick and his target is the white mesh at the back of the net.

Vladislav Namestnikov, who is leading the team in goals with 14 in 20 games heading into weekend action, has taken his play to a higher level over the past two weeks.

"He's an elite skater, he's got great puck skills, and he's been executing when the opportunity's there," said Knights assistant coach Misha Donskov. "He's certainly elevated his game."

Namestnikov has notched at least a point in nine of his past 10 games and has eight goals and eight assists over that span.

"I think I'm playing the same way I've been playing (all season)," the 18-year-old said. "I'm getting a few lucky bounces — (getting) good passes and I just have to put the puck in the net."

Namestnikov was a member of Team Russia in the Subway Super Series



► Vladislav Namestnikov is helping lead the offence for the London Knights.

challenge this month and noticed some differences in Russian and Canadian dressing rooms.

"It's louder here (in Canada)," he said. "Captains and assistants talk more. It's more quiet (in Russia), all to yourself. You just focus on the game. (In London), you get pumped up with the guys."

"It's more fun to play here."

Home and away

► The Knights play three games this weekend. They host the Plymouth Whalers on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and have a home-and-home set with the Attack in Owen Sound on Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and at the JLC on Sunday at 6 p.m.

► Forward Ryan Rupert is eligible to return from his

five-game suspension for his midsection slash of Sault Ste. Marie's Nick Cousins on Nov. 27. Jared Knight returns from his two-game fighting ban on Sunday.

► Rookies Max Domi and Bo Horvat have been named to Ontario's under-17 team for the 2012 World Hockey Challenge in Windsor Dec. 27 through Jan. 4.

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Protesters get their day of action

- Demonstrators march through heart of financial district
- At least 175 people arrested

Hundreds of Occupy demonstrators marched through New York's financial district Thursday in an attempt to block traders from reaching the New York Stock Exchange, promising a national day of action with mass gatherings in other cities.

The action came two days after authorities cleared the encampment that sparked the global protest movement against economic inequality and greed.

Frustrations seemed to spill over in the park at the centre of the protest as hundreds of people shoved back the metal police barricades that have long surrounded the area.

"All day, all week, shut down Wall Street!" the

crowd chanted, clogging the streets as they neared the stock exchange.

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The Movement

- Police said at least 175 people were arrested, including several who sat on the ground one block from Wall Street and refused to move.
- Some of the police hit protesters as they resisted arrest. Most of the marchers retreated.
- In Los Angeles, about 500 sympathizers of the Occupy Wall Street protest marched in the downtown financial district.



► Occupy Wall Street protesters clash with police in Zuccotti Park on Thursday in New York City. Protesters attempted to shut down the New York Stock Exchange, blocking roads and tying up traffic in Lower Manhattan.

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Occupy in brief

No sanctuary for Occupy T.O.

PROTESTERS. Occupy Toronto protesters cannot use the city's landmark cathedral to evade eviction if the courts rule they have to leave the park they took over more than a month ago, the Anglican dean of Toronto said Thursday.

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Protesters shy away from politicians

FACE OFF. Although the Democrats and Occupy Wall

Street may seem like a politically beneficial alliance, it hasn't happened due to lack of faith in the government, said protesters. "We've lost our government. It's not by the people, for the people anymore. We need to get it back, and we don't need a political party to do that," said Marsha Spencer, an Occupy volunteer in New York.

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Activist pleads not guilty

HALIFAX. Miles Howe, 34, an Occupy activist pleaded not guilty Thursday to charges laid after cops removed protesters' tents in downtown Halifax.

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London campers refuse to leave

Protesters camped outside St. Paul's Cathedral in London said Thursday they are staying put as a deadline passed for them to take down their tents or face legal action.

London officials attached eviction notices to the tents Wednesday, demanding they be removed from the churchyard by 6 p.m. local time Thursday.

The Occupy London group said no one had left by the deadline, and marked its passing with a

200

More than 200 tents have been pitched outside the famous domed church since Oct. 15 in a protest against capitalist excess.

rally and a minute of silence outside the cathedral.

"The general feeling is excitement at the moment," said protester Nathan Cravens, 27. "It's brought us together." The City of London Corporation says that if the tents are not removed it will go to court seeking an eviction notice.

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Deadly. Storms

► Gas pumps at a Cltgo Mart on US 64 are destroyed Thursday in Davidson County, N.C.



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Five dead as tornadoes hit U.S.

At least five people were killed and dozens injured when a storm system spawning several possible tornadoes moved across the U.S. Southeast. Dozens of homes and buildings were damaged, and thousands of people were without power as trees and power lines were downed.

MP not sorry for profane tweets

► Controversy has resulted in more exposure for NDP's Martin ► Followers on Twitter jump to 3,000

Longtime New Democrat MP Pat Martin says he's not sorry for unleashing a string of profanity on the social media site Twitter.

Martin dropped a few F- and S-bombs Wednesday night after the Conservative government shut down debate on a budget bill.

"This is a (expletive) disgrace ... closure again. And on the Budget," Martin tweeted.

"There's not a democracy in the world that would tolerate this jackboot (expletive)."

The comments set off a



► NDP MP Pat Martin

stir in the Twitterverse after they were retweeted by some of Martin's 1,600 followers.

One fellow Twitter user

Party support

- Interim NDP Leader Nycole Turmel appeared to defend Martin's actions.
- "His language was not appropriate and could have been offensive to some," Turmel said in a written statement.

called Martin a "foul-mouth socialist." "(Expletive) you," was Martin's blunt retort. When another Twitter user criticized him, Martin replied with "eat my shorts."

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Man charged with trying to kill Obama

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► U.S. President Barack Obama arrives at Denpasar International Airport to attend the ASEAN and East Asia Summit in Denpasar, on the island of Bali, Indonesia, Thursday.

An Idaho man accused of firing an assault rifle at the White House was charged Thursday with attempting to assassinate President Barack Obama or his staff, and prosecutors say he called Obama "the devil" and said he needed to be killed.

Oscar Ramiro Ortega-Hernandez, of Idaho Falls, made his first court appearance before a federal magistrate in Pittsburgh on Thursday, one day after he was arrested at a western Pennsylvania hotel.

According to a court document released after the hearing, authorities recovered nine spent shell casings from Ortega's car, which was abandoned near the White House.

A person who knows him subsequently told investigators that he had become increasingly agitated

with the federal government and was convinced it was conspiring against him, the document said. Others told investigators that Ortega had said Obama was "the anti-Christ" and the "devil." Ortega also reportedly said he "needed to kill" the president.

If convicted, Ortega

faces up to life in prison.

He will be taken back from a federal court in Pittsburgh to face the charges in Washington, D.C. and will remain in federal custody at least until a magistrate in Washington can determine if he should remain jailed until his trial on the charge.

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RCMP wants fake Twitter account shut

Mounties in Saskatchewan want to shut down a fake Twitter handle that someone is using in their name.

Sgt. Paul Dawson, media relations officer for Saskatchewan, said it was a surprise when reporters asked if @SaskRCMP is official. But he doesn't believe there will be much confusion about the fake account. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hostage-taker apologizes to victims

A man who took hostages at gunpoint at a Workers' Compensation Board building in Edmonton has apologized to his victims.

Patrick Clayton wiped away tears as he told his sentencing hearing his actions were a cry for help.

He said he was a "political prisoner of corporate bullying." He also said some people called him a hero. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Woman charged with bid to kill baby

Meredith Katharine Borowiec has been charged with the attempted murder of a newborn baby last fall.

The baby's father was on his way home in October 2010 when he heard crying and found the infant in a garbage bag.

Police and EMS workers were called and the baby was taken to hospital.

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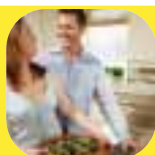
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Arctic dwellers at risk

► Polar bears are the ultimate symbol of climate change ► The animals are a step away from being classified as endangered ► Why saving the bears means saving the planet

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If there's any animal on Earth that could inspire people to engage in preventing man-made climate change, the polar bear is it.

Majestic, powerful and deadly, the cuddly-looking bears are under direct threat from a warming

planet, and they're already showing the symptoms.

"What you'll find in the short term is that polar bears will have to turn to other (foods)," said Dr. Pete Ewing, a marine scientist with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). Last week, for example, scientists came across a group of about 15 polar bears eating rotten grain destined for the landfill.

"There's a population of polar bears here that are desperate. They haven't been able to put on enough

\$518

The amount of money that polar bears are worth to each Canadian annually as a symbol. That's more than the bald eagle is worth to Americans.

energy, and we're going to see more of that."

Tourists and Arctic wildlife guides have noticed a decline in the

weight of bears. They even found a bear that had died of starvation recently.

As the summer ice in the Arctic melts at a faster rate, and winter ice comes in more slowly, the polar bear population declines. And the more it declines, the more scientists and groups like the WWF worry.

Just last week, the Canadian government classified polar bears as a "species at risk." That's one step away from endangered.

Ewing said scientific models show there's no

stopping the inevitable decline of summer ice, so scientists are trying to figure out where the polar bear has the best chance of survival. In the meantime, people need to start reversing the damage they've caused to the Arctic through the consumption of fossil fuels — but they shouldn't be overwhelmed.

"There have been massive changes in our society over the last few hundred years," said Ewing. "There's no reason we can't change again."

Arctic research

► The WWF has been funding polar-bear research in Churchill on and off for the past 30 years, said Dr. Pete Ewing, but the Canadian government has not been maintaining its level of funding in recent years.

► "Arctic research can be difficult, it's expensive," said Ewing. "But for an Arctic nation like Canada ... the World Wildlife Fund has been able to step in and help when (the Canadian government) has not."

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► The Prince of Wales Fort is a national historical site, and it's free.

Doing Churchill on a budget

Doing the full Churchill, Man., guided tour isn't cheap. Between flights, hotels, meals and the full tundra experience, a one-week stay can cost you \$12,000 — per person.

But that doesn't mean you can't see Churchill and the polar bears for less. Here are three tips:

1. **Take the train.** An

economy train ticket from Winnipeg costs about \$200. A flight costs about \$1,000. Do the math, but be aware: The train takes two days, while a plane takes two hours.

2. **Bring your own food.** Bringing a suitcase of your own non-perishables might be the way to go. While restaurant prices aren't un-

reasonable, it's still cheaper to make your own food. Several hotels offer a kitchenette where you can heat up soup or make toast. Food is expensive in the North.

3. **Do more than polar bears.** Seeing the polar bears is one of the most expensive things you can do — about \$400 per day per person.

While it's highly recommended, you'll still have a spectacular time seeing them over one day and doing other activities the next. The Prince of Wales Fort is a free national historical site, and the Eskimo Museum is inexpensive. Try your hand at mushing (sled-dog racing) or check out the northern lights. ● ELISHA DACEY

Wayward bears do time in jail

- Humans, bears coexist thanks to unique program
- Each year about 35 bears are put in 'jail' then lifted by helicopter to a location 60 kilometres away



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When your town's biggest nuisance can kill you with a casual swipe of a paw tipped with razor-sharp claws, grabbing the nearest shotgun when confronted with one seems a prudent idea.

But that thinking led to the deaths of dozens of polar bears in and around Churchill, Man., a few decades ago.

"Basically, if a bear came into town, it got shot," said Manitoba Conservation's Bob Windsor, who has helped remove about 100 bears from Churchill over the past three years. "That was not acceptable."

The Polar Bear Alert program changed all that, said Windsor.

The program is simple: local residents call the Polar Bear Alert Line to tell conservation officers of an approaching bear. A humane trap is set, and the bear is taken to "Polar Bear Jail." From there, they're later lifted by helicopter to an area away from the town.

The Polar Bear Alert Line

What happens to bears in jail?



Polar bears are incredibly strong. Once they're captured, the bear trap is chained to the cell they'll be held in, so that they won't push the trap right out of the facility.

Once held, they are tranquilized and researchers assess the bears' condition. They

are tagged and tattooed so Manitoba Conservation can see whether a bear returns.

Conditions inside the jail are cool and sparse. There is as little human interaction with bears as possible.

Bears are not fed. They can go months without eating, and if they're fed they tend to come back to the facility once released.

After a quarantine period, bears are tranquilized and then carefully wrapped up in a net so their heads and ear tags don't get tangled. The net is attached to a helicopter and the bear is taken to a safe location.

Researchers make sure the bear is alert before leaving the area, as wolves have been known to prey on a groggy bear.

● ELISHA DACEY

is manned at all times.

Windsor said the program, while simple, has been extremely effective, cutting down on the number of polar bear deaths.

"We haven't had a fatality (from a polar bear) in the town of Churchill since 1983," said Windsor. "When I look at it that way, it makes it all worthwhile."

ELISHA DACEY/METRO



► Manitoba Conservation officers watch as a polar bear is lifted by a helicopter.



► Polar bears are under direct threat from climate change. Melting ice means they can't hunt their main source of food.

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► A polar bear is transported far from town.



► Polar bears are now classified as at risk.



ELISHA DACEY/METRO

Coke, WWF team up for Arctic Home

Fifteen years ago, groups like the World Wildlife Fund did not partner with groups like Coca-Cola.

The ultimate American brand, Coca-Cola's perceived cultural pervasiveness and arrogance meant they were the enemy. But not anymore.

Coca-Cola Canada president Nicolaos Koumettis said the company has actively tried to shed its image of taking over the world to one that preserves it over the past decade.

"What happened is that we all learned, and that includes the WWF ... that if you want to achieve something big, you have to work in partnership.

"We've worked with the WWF for many years on water conservation, and now it was time to take it to a new level."

Arctic Home is a major campaign launched by the WWF and Coca-Cola to raise money for polar-bear research in the Arctic. Koumettis said Coca-Cola will donate \$2 million over the next four years toward that research.



ELISHA DACEY/METRO

► Arctic Home is a new partnership between the WWF and Coca-Cola designed to generate awareness of the plight of the polar bear.

Gerald Butts, president and CEO of WWF Canada, said working with corporate partners who want to make the world better can affect the most change.

"In general, you can make things happen a lot quicker with companies, especially on big issues," said Butts, adding that Coke is one of the world's biggest users of water, sugar, aluminum and other

commodities.

"If they decide they are only going to buy goods that are procured and grown in a certain way, then we can change the supply chain overnight. We could lobby 100 governments for 50 years and never get them to change."

To promote the campaign, Coca-Cola changed its can from the traditional red to white with silver po-

lar bears.

"It wasn't a hard decision," said Koumettis.

Donations can be made at iCoke.ca. Coca-Cola will match donations from North America up to \$1 million, in addition to money already pledged.

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Polar bears essential to Churchill: Mayor

There are arguably only two industries in Churchill, Man.: Shipping and tourism. And both are under threat.

The economy over the past five years means tourism is down overall, said Mike Spence, Churchill's mayor and owner of Wat'chee Lodge.

"Tourism has been down over the last couple of years due to the economy," said Spence. "It's understandable. People have less money to spend."

Churchill currently has a stable population of about 900 people, which doubles during bear season. However, Churchill's population used to be

Tourist draws

► Tens of thousands of people flood to Churchill every year, mostly to see the polar bears.

► Excursions to see the northern lights in winter, birds in spring and beluga whales in summer also draw tourists to the town.

much bigger.

"I grew up here when it had 6,000 people," said Spence. "Tourism wasn't even on the drawing board."

The population dwindled, however, when the

Canadian Armed Forces moved out, so citizens had to start looking for new ways to bring money back into the town.

"Tourism began to be kicked into gear because we had more bears coming through (the town) because the military wasn't keeping them out."

In the late 1980s, tourism exploded. Since then, the polar bear has become synonymous with Churchill.

"When you're tagged with the moniker The Polar Bear Capital of the World, there's a lot of pride in that," said Spence.

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Ultimate logo



Polar bears have been used as a logo for everything from diamonds to sports teams.

► The polar bear has been the official symbol of Coca-Cola since 1922. It started with an ad campaign in France and grew from there.

► Canadian company Polar Bear Diamonds uses the bear as its official symbol.

► The Hudson Bay Helicopters uses a polar bear in its logo.

Benetton faces Vatican wrath

► **Clothing manufacturer says it is sorry image of pope kissing imam offended the faithful**

The Vatican is taking legal action against the Benetton clothing company to prevent the circulation of an advertisement featuring a fake photo montage of Pope Benedict XVI kissing a top Egyptian imam on the lips.

The Vatican said Thursday the image is "offensive not only to the dignity of the pope and the Catholic Church, but also to the sensibilities of believers."

Benetton withdrew the ad immediately after its debut Wednesday once the Vatican denounced it as an unacceptable provocation.

Benetton had said its "Unhate" campaign was aimed at fostering tolerance, but the Vatican's daily newspaper Thursday called it "an insult to believers in the name of profit."

The campaign's fake photos feature a half-dozen purported political

Strategy

► Shock ads have long been a part of Benetton's publicity strategy, with photographer Oliviero Toscani's famous campaigns for them featuring death row inmates and people dying of AIDS.

nemeses in lip-locked embraces, including Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, and North Korean leader Kim Jong Il and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak.

The photo of the pope kissing Sheik Ahmed el-Tayeb of Cairo's al-Azhar institute, the pre-eminent theological school of Sunni Islam, was on Benetton's website all day Wednesday but was pulled about an hour after the Vatican's protest.

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► People walk past Benetton's "Unhate" campaign at a shop Thursday.

New low: Pay extra for fuel or don't fly

Airlines have already begun charging for food, drinks, seat assignments and baggage. Now one is demanding that passengers cough up extra cash on board for fuel.

Hundreds of passengers travelling from India to Britain were stranded for six hours in Vienna when their Comtel Air flight stopped for fuel on Tuesday. The charter service asked them to kick in more than £20,000 (\$32,306 US)

to fund the rest of the flight to Birmingham, England.

The situation may represent a new low in customer care in an era when flyers are seeing long lines, long waits and few perks.

Britain's Channel 4 news broadcast video showing a Comtel cabin crew member telling passengers: "We need some money to pay the fuel, to pay the airport, to pay everything we need. If you

Passenger woes

► A similar Comtel situation was taking place back in Amritsar. Some 180 passengers on another Comtel flight were told they would not be taking off until they come up with 10,000 rupees (about \$200 US) each, Kandra told the

want to go to Birmingham, you have to pay."

Some passengers said

BBC on Thursday.

► It was not clear when that plane was supposed to have taken off. The passengers in Amritsar were not stuck on the plane or at the airport, according to British diplomats in India. Most were booking flights on other airlines to get to Britain.

they were sent off the plane to cash machines in Vienna to raise the money.

"We all got together, took our money out of purses — £130," said Reena Rindi, who was aboard with her daughter. "Children under two went free, my little one went free because she's under two. If we didn't have the money, they were making us go one by one outside, in Vienna, to get the cash out."

The passengers did eventually reach Birmingham, but many expressed outrage.

"It is absolutely disgusting," said Dalvinder Batra, who is from the West Midlands.

Bhupinder Kandra, the airline's majority shareholder, told the Associated Press from Vienna that travel agents had taken the passengers' money before the planes left but had not passed it on to the airline.

"This is not my problem," he said. "The problem is with the agents."

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Canada hosting Syrian websites

A report by a University of Toronto think tank says a number of Syrian government websites are being hosted by servers based in

Canada.

The report says 17 Syrian websites are hosted on Canadian-based web servers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NDP has 100,000 members

The number of card-carrying New Democrats has swelled 13 per cent to almost 100,000.

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Statistics

► There are now 5,558 NDP members in Quebec.
► British Columbia boasts 31,456 members, Ontario has 25,722, Manitoba has 10,514, Saskatchewan has 9,442 and Alberta has 8,361.

Concern over data from air travellers

Canada's privacy czar, Jennifer Stoddart, says the national air security agency is collecting too much information about travellers.

Stoddart says the agency is not always safeguarding the sensitive information properly, either.

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U.S. workers expect to stay on the job longer to retire well: Study

► Survey finds that more than a quarter of young Americans don't expect any income at all from Social Security during their retirement years

Workers are growing to accept the idea that they may be working long after

they've become eligible for senior discounts. Yet rather than fixate on their target retirement age, they're increasingly focused on how much money they'll need to retire, according to a new U.S. survey by Wells Fargo & Co.

This shift is coupled with their growing frustration that they're not saving enough, and the reality

that many haven't created a detailed retirement plan.

One of the striking results of the survey released Wednesday is that 25 per cent of the respondents said they'll need to work until at least age 80 because they will not have enough money to retire comfortably.

Even those who plan on retiring expect they may

continue working in some capacity and for various reasons: About 75 per cent said they expect to work in their retirement years; about 39 per cent said they will need to work to afford things they want or to maintain their lifestyle; and another 35 per cent say they'll work because they want to.

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Housing

NO 'FREEDOM 55' FOR CANADIANS: RBC

More than one in three Canadians expect they'll be carrying mortgage debt long after they turn 65, according to Royal Bank's latest housing survey.

Released Thursday, the report found that one-third of Canadians who are 55 or older have at least 16 years left on their mortgage term.

A majority, 57 per cent,

of survey respondents said they expect to have mortgages after the age of 55, with nearly one-third expecting to carry debt after age 65.

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Italy. Protest



► Protesters carry a mock coffin representing the debt of Italy during a protest against austerity cuts and lack of jobs on Thursday in Naples.

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Debt discontent in Naples

Thousands of students took to the streets of Naples to protest against the lack of opportunity for future employment and impending austerity cuts by Italy's new prime minister, Mario Monti, and his recently appointed cabinet.

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1 Adult education. U.S. Prez Barack Obama raised eyebrows at the APEC summit in Hawaii with his comments regarding China's economic responsibility.

Obama stated that now that they're a full-grown economic power, it is time to "Act like a grownup." China's delegates responded by saying, "I know you are, but what am I?"

2 Stick it to da man! An Ontario man drove his car through the front doors of Waterloo Regional Police

headquarters last Sunday. Police believe it was deliberate because, instead of stopping, he continued driving around the reception desk before crashing into a vending machine. No one was hurt, but the man's Twix bar did remain lodged on the coil dispenser, and his change was never returned. That is frustrating.

3 Where my drugs at? Apparently Canada is experiencing some dubious medication shortages. Health Canada says their only concern is drug safety, while distribution is left to the pharmaceutical companies. The reason for the shortage is unknown as is the extent and impact because our government does not collect such data. To be fair though, the shortage will not affect the majority of Canadians. It's really just the sick people.

4 Hands off. Brief note in case of ambiguity: Showering with your 11-year-old son at the gym — fine. Showering with someone else's 11-year-old son — NOT FINE! Any questions, Penn State?

5 Smooth Criminal. Last week, Michael Jackson's personal physician, Dr. Conrad Murray, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter for negligence believed to have caused the singer's death in 2009. He faces up to four years in prison while Michael's plastic surgeons get off scot-free.

6 Too much too soon. Seventeen-year-old Justin Bieber recently dished out 100,000 pounds on a new Range Rover with a custom sound system worth 50,000 pounds. This is just one of many for Justin, including a Batman-themed Cadillac and a Ferrari, which he recently smashed. When I was 17, my parents grounded me for a fender-bender in my mom's 1978 Monte Carlo. Just saying.

7 In yo' face. Just when we thought they were close to an agreement, the NBA lockout hit an impasse this week. With a shortened season looming, millionaires on both sides could not arrive at an answer to the question "How many millions is too many millions?" The likely answer now is "No millions at all."

8 Sweet Jesus. Canadian comic Russell Peters will perform a nativity sketch in his Christmas special, which airs on CTV and The Comedy Network in December. He has chosen Pamela Anderson to play the Virgin Mary, which is funny because it marks the first time her name and the word "virgin" have ever appeared next to each other in the same sentence.

9 A sad farewell. Canadian comic Stewart Silver passed away suddenly at age 44 this week. A national Yuk Yuk's mainstay for the past two decades, fellow Montrealer, dear friend and all-around good guy will be sorely missed. On behalf of the entire comedic community, I offer our condolences to his family. We thank you for the laughs. R.I.P.

More from Mike Benhaim at metronews.ca/backbeat



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Letters

Prevention and rehabilitation, education and jobs, and general economic and social equality have contributed to a drop in crime in Canada over the last several decades.

Any way you look at it, crime in Canada is dropping, maybe not enough, maybe not everywhere, but it is still dropping. But Steven Harper and the Conservatives don't seem to be able to read scientific reports and in any event would like to reverse this nasty trend. And while the Harper government does not possess a vision of Canada (all successful good governments do), they do want a more expensive Canada: one with more crime, more criminals, more prisons and less of everything that has been contributing to a drop in the crime rate — including jobs.

The Harper government, if they really are keen on saving taxpayer dollars and being tough on crime, need to listen to Texans who have already made this socially and economically and politically costly mistake.

JASON MABBOTT
TORONTO

Local tweets



► @racheldetta: Dear

#ldnont I've been told multiple times your winters are horrible but back home in Orillia they have snow and we have none. WTF!?

► @webAssistca: Leadership starts with knowing yourself and learning from your mistakes #DIG11 #ldnont

► @Kspeens: #FANSHAWE I still wanna see your CANSSSS!! B2015 bring them NOW till DECEMBER 2ND. #LEGGO #helpothers

#tistheseason

► @SammyStarkiller: Its funny how full classrooms seem to be on days with midterms #uwo #soniceofyoutoshowup

► @EvilDeadLdn: Proceeds of the Nov 30 showing of The Legend of The Psychotic Forest Ranger go to obtaining global rights. Today, #ldnont, tmrw the world!

► @OMACMark: Why do they call it a "pair" of pants anyway? #ldnont

► @MrAndrewMcG: Saw some unreal moustaches at the gym last night. #movember #uwo



photo of the day

► This photo titled Yanomi was submitted to the Moments of my Life category by Reed from Winnipeg.



Metro invites its readers to join the Metro Global Photo Challenge — running in 100 cities on four continents — to win fantastic prizes and worldwide recognition. Enter your digital photos at metrophotochallenge.com. The contest runs until Nov. 22. As well as a chance to win a trip to any city Metro publishes, one submission will also be featured here daily.

WEIRD NEWS

Flight almost gets flushed

A jammed lock on an airplane bathroom door caused anxious moments for the pilots aboard a flight from North Carolina to New York City.

The captain told air traffic controllers he accidentally got stuck on the LaGuardia Airport-bound Chautauqua Airlines flight from Asheville on Wednesday night.

When a passenger with an unfamiliar accent tried to alert the co-pilot in the cockpit, the co-pilot became alarmed and notified air traffic

controllers, according to a recording of the radio exchange from the website LiveATC.net.

"The captain has disappeared in the back and I have someone with a thick foreign accent trying to access the cockpit right now, and I've got to deal with this situation," the co-pilot says.

A controller tells him to consider declaring an emergency.

The captain eventually got himself free from the lavatory. He told controllers there was no threat.

"The captain — myself — went back to the lavatory and the door latched ... and I had to fight my way out of it with my body to get the door open," the captain says. "There is no issue, no threat."

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Synopsis

Team Werewolf: Need some convincing to get hairy with Richard? Ginger Snaps and Dog Soldiers expand on the werewolf story. The Howling and An American Werewolf in London both contain Reagan-era thrills. And, of course, no lycanthropic list would be complete without The Wolf Man.

Team Vampire: Looking for a good vampire flick to sink your teeth into? Coppola's Bram Stoker's Dracula has thrills and atmosphere. But a more unusual choice would have to be Shadow of the Vampire, one creepy flick. For over-the-top wild fun, nothing beats Nic Cage as a reluctant vampire in Vampire's Kiss.

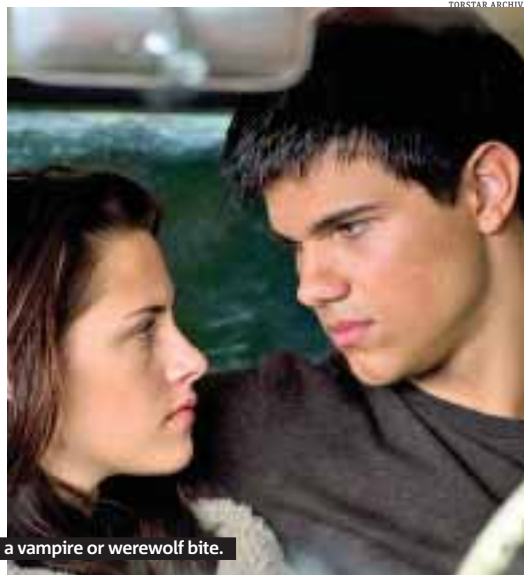
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► In the Twilight series, Bella has a hard time deciding if she wants a vampire or werewolf bite.



A 'biting' battle

► Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin pick supernatural sides in an age-old battle

Richard: Mark, on the occasion of the release of Breaking Dawn, the next-to-last in the Twilight saga, it's time we finally debated the burning question on the lips of every TwiHard — who would win in a fair fight between a vampire and werewolf? I'm on Team Werewolf for this one. Big fangs coupled with hot-blooded animal instincts trumps the oversized molars of the nocturnal undead any day (or night for that matter).

Mark: Fighting each other, Richard, you might have a point. But in a fight against humans, I have to say I'm a vampire man. You can spot a werewolf a mile away, enough

time to run for cover. But vampires can be undetectable, until it's too late. They can seem perfectly normal until they open their mouths, kind of like members of the Tea Party. It really comes down to the relative dangers of brute force versus seduction, doesn't it?

RC: Perhaps so. Bella, the vampire groupie of Twilight, certainly finds the blood-suckers irresistible, but I'd suggest Jack Nicholson, as the hirsute gentleman in Wolf, is much more of a charmer than the vampires of Near Dark. They don't seduce as much as manipulate, taunt and slaughter their victims in the nastiest of ways.

MB: The vampires in Near Dark should be thrown out of the Vampire Union! But if you're using Jack Nicholson as an example of the urbane, more mature werewolf, let me submit Frank Langella in Dracula and George Hamilton in Love at First Bite as vampiric counterparts. The sadder but wiser vampire for me! But really, Richard, who would you rather meet in a dark alley? Kate Beckinsale or Benicio Del Toro? Case ... closed ... I think.

RC: Hmm... I'll take Kate, but remember Underworld? She played a beautiful vampire but who was she in love with? A werewolf. I rest my

case. In the battleground of love chalk one up for the werewolves. To answer our original question I checked with the authority — the internet — and found this: "In a fair fight (no weapons) a werewolf will destroy a vampire in a few seconds (unless the vampire is smart and tries to run away)." I rest my case.

MB: Ahh, but the vampire is nothing if not smart — way smarter than the werewolf — smart enough not to engage in a fight that he cannot win. But I'll concede to you on this one. I'll be in the corner ... sulking ... with Kate Beckinsale to give me solace.

2 scene

Scene in brief



Ricky Gervais is returning as host of the Golden Globes. The Hollywood Foreign Press Association announced through Twitter that Gervais will take his third turn as Globes host in January. Gervais left some wondering if he'd be back after his performance at this year's show, when he took pointed jabs at Hollywood stars and the HFPA.

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Woody Allen revealed: Documentary illuminates the elusive genius

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Meeting Kermit

When The Muppets iconic star Kermit The Frog came to Toronto a few weeks ago for a media press conference hosted by Metro's own Richard Crouse, this scribe brought his four-year-old son Jack out to meet him. Sitting attentively in the front row amidst a sea of print, radio and TV elite, Jack — who had just

come from a press screening of the film — listened and watched wide eyed as Kermit fielded reporters' questions and engaged in all manner of witty banter. When Crouse called an end to the event, Jack moved closer, offering Kermit a picture he drew and hoping to shake the Frog's fuzzy hand. Kermit obliged, of course, carefully saddling up beside the

understandably starstruck lad, posing for a photo and a hug. It was the kind of moment a child — and a film loving parent — only dream of experiencing and if the look on Jack's face and the excited stories he now relates daily about that moment are any indication, the over four-decades-old Muppets franchise still has massive magic.



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Segel gets his puppet on

► Muppet master Jason Segel helps Kermit and friends put on a show to remind the world about the Muppets



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The man who had his own masturbation station in the laugh out loud romance *I Love You, Man*, may seem like the least likely candidate to revive a legendary children's entertainment franchise, but that's exactly what charming multi-hyphenate actor/writer Jason Segel did with his latest picture, *The Muppets*.

Segel (who also wrote and starred in *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, as well as serving as one of the leads on the smash hit sitcom *How I Met Your Mother*) penned the screenplay and stars as Gary, happy go lucky brother to melancholy muppet Walter, a felt-skinned kid who is obsessed with the late, lamented variety series *The Muppet Show*. When the siblings — along with Gary's fiancée Mary (Amy Adams) venture to Hollywood to find Kermit, Miss Piggy, Fozzie et al, they pal around with a legion of Henson heroes, run afoul of an evil oil baron and spearhead a comeback show. It's all rather marvelous, heartfelt fun.

"When I started this project," said Segel in Toronto recently to promote the film, "I made it mandatory that we had to acknowledge that the Muppets aren't as famous

anymore. And I'll be honest, there was some controversy, there was some ego involved there, but it was important. But it became the core of the film, that the Muppets have to put on a show to remind the world about them."

Over 270 Muppets make it onto the screen, including such obscure characters as the diabolical Uncle Deadly and the massive Sweetums. In fact the only Muppet created for the film is Walter, our entry point into the film. Originally, however, Walter was designed to be a very different character.

"In my early drafts Walter was a puppet, my ventriloquist dummy and the secret is that he's actually alive," admits Segel.

"But when the puppeteers got involved in the process, they said you never acknowledge that these character are puppets, ever. So instead, we made him my brother...and we never acknowledge it!"

The Muppets is ideal family fare, with enough antics and tunes to please the kids and plenty of humour to please the parents. In other words, it's a classic Muppets outing in every sense.

"It was all about balancing levels of nostalgia ... and about making sure people just have a great time at the movies," says Segel.

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► Jason Segel says that the new Muppets movie is all about making sure people have a great time at the movies.

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The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1

Genre: Drama
Director: Bill Condon
Stars: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner

Maybe excessive punctuation in a title should serve as a warning, because any film that needs both a colon and a dash to announce itself is obviously taking itself too seriously. Lurching toward the conclusion of the Twilight series, the first half of

Breaking hits screens with a resounding thud, committing a sin the previous films had at least managed to avoid, despite their faults: The new film is incredibly boring. There's precedence for this two-book split, of course, as the Harry Potter folks divided their final installment into two massive films over the past year. But the effectiveness of their move only further highlights how unnecessary it is here. The events of the film's first

hour — planning the wedding, going through with the wedding, going on a honeymoon and Bella getting knocked up — could've taken 15 minutes in the hands of filmmakers less concerned with overindulging the series, diehard fans. But then, maybe they were right to do it this way, as there's clearly no other possible audience for this than Twihards who have already drunk the Kool-Aid.

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Happy Feet Two

Genre: Animation
Director: George Miller
Stars: Elijah Wood, Robin Williams, Pink

The original Happy Feet and its sequel don't look or feel like other movies for kids. Director George "Mad Max" Miller is a

maximalist director who opens up the usual kid flick palette with swooping cameras, wide-open vistas and beautifully effective 3D.

Featuring a cast of thousands — animated penguins as far as the eye can see and "krillions" of krill — Happy Feet Two is

made on a scale that would make Cecil B. DeMille proud.

It's also a step above most kid's movies. Joyful and beautiful to look at, it has more to say about life, love and the pursuit of happiness than most movies aimed at adults.

● RICHARD CROUSE

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A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas (18A) Fri-Sun 9:25

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Immortals (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:55-7:10-9:35
J. Edgar (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50-6:55-9:40
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri-Wed 1:15-3:30-7:20-9:30 Thu 1
London Jewish Film Festival (STC) Sun 2

The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 1:25-3:40-7:25
Puss in Boots 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:20-7:05-9:15
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The Metropolitan Opera: Anna Bolina - Encore (STC) Mon 6:30
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Raising Martha

► From Family Ties to Raising Hope — Martha Plimpton decides to step into granny panties as a series regular ► TV star opens up about her new role



Though she's popped up on a number of TV shows as a guest star — starting with Family Ties when she was 15 — film and theatre star Martha Plimpton had never taken a job as a series regular until Raising Hope debuted last year.

With raves from critics and fans alike and an Emmy nomination under her belt, it's a decision Plimpton clearly isn't regretting.

She took a break from shooting the show's second season to chat with Metro.

You're obviously very young to be a grandmother.

I don't think it's that unusual, actually — in this

country anyway — to be a 40-year-old grandmother. It happens all the time.

So in that regard, I don't feel that we are doing anything that revolutionary or weird. But, yeah, I guess you're right. It depends on the family, you know. We've all gotten past the me as a grandma thing. That's, like, so 2010. We've moved on.

The show also deals with taking care of your aging parents, with Cloris Leachman, and with adult children still living at home.

This is the state of the world for many people. And there's nothing so unusual or weird about it, that many generations will be under the same roof because it's just not economically feasible not to be, you

know? And that can be an opportunity for some really good comedy. It's something that's more common in other parts of the world, I think, to care for your elders, you know, and we're sort of coming around to that in this country a little bit more now for a lot of different reasons, so in a way I feel like it's reflective of a lot of families, you know, what they have to deal with and everything.

And most families would only be so lucky or so tormented to have Cloris Leachman living under their roof with them.

How has the show changed in its second season?

Well, in Season One, we were establishing relationships with the family and who we all are and what

this family's about, and in Season 2, we're also seeing a little bit more of their town and the people that populate this town and the world of the Chances and their friends and their co-workers. What else? We established a little bit more of the history with Virginia and her evil cousin, Delilah, played by Amy Sedaris, who is absolutely fantastic. And so we see a little bit more of Virginia's insecure, vulnerable side with that dynamic, which was nice.

It's fun to play that stuff. Hope is bigger, of course. She's a toddler now. The girls who play Hope, Baylie and Rylie, are now almost 2, and so we're growing with them. We're adjusting our storylines and accommodating their, you know, newfound capabilities as



► Martha Plimpton plays Virginia — a young grandma — in Raising Hope.

human beings.

Did you have any reservations about taking on a TV role, like the worry of getting bored with it after a while?

I can't say that I was anticipating being bored, but I think that's the fear that most actors have when they sign a long contract, because you're used to going from job to job, right? What may happen to some

people in these situations is they might start to get neurotic and micromanage, you know what I mean? I feel like the less I try to manage which way things go and the more I just sort of enjoy the process and enjoy what the writers are doing — which is so good — the more fun I have as we go along. It's getting more and more fun for me.



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► Jason Segel

Segel hosts SNL

FLORENCE AND THE MACHINE TO PERFORM. Will Kermit make a cameo on Saturday Night Live? His co-star in the new movie The Muppets, Jason Segel, hosts Saturday's instalment of SNL, so perhaps the world's most famous frog will join him in a sketch. (NBC, Global)

Looking at female rockers

FROM BESSIE SMITH TO LE TIGRE. Cyndi Lauper hosts the documentary Women Who Rock on Friday, which begins with profiles of female blues-roots musicians in the 1920s and then moves through the present pop scene. Those profiled in-

clude Bessie Smith, Mother Maybelle Carter, Heart's Ann and Nancy Wilson, Deborah Harry and Kathleen Hanna of Bikini Kill and Le Tigre. (PBS)

More Bieber

HANGIN' WITH THE BEST. Justin Bieber is slated to perform at the 2011 American Music Awards, airing live from Los Angeles on Sunday. Other acts scheduled to sing include Katy Perry, Marc Anthony, Christina Aguilera, Kelly Clarkson, Chris Brown and Mary J. Blige. The hosts are Nicki Minaj and Pitbull. Winners are determined by fan voting. (ABC, CTV)

Honouring our sports peeps

WHO STOOD OUT THIS YEAR? Six Canadian sports luminaries are honoured in 2011 Canada's Sports Hall of Fame Induction Special.

Sportsnet's Jamie Campbell hosts the 60-minute special on Saturday, which pays tribute to triathlete Peter Reid, hockey player Ray

Bourque, football player Lui Passaglia, soccer player Andrea Neil, para-Alpine skier Lauren Woolstencroft and International Olympic Committee member Richard Pound. (Citytv)

The travelling Bucket List

WHEN A SILLY MAN HITS THE ROAD: Karl Pilkington, the podcast pal to comedy giants Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant, is back for another season of gag-filled globetrotting in An Idiot Abroad 2: The Bucket List.

On the insistence of Gervais and Merchant, Pilkington reluctantly journeys to far-flung locales to check off experiences on a list of "things to do before you die." (Discovery Channel)

Sedaris shakes things up

THE GOOD WIFE. The always entertaining Amy Sedaris guests on The Good Wife as Eli's tough new rival who rattles his confidence on Sunday. (Global, CBS)

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Kristin Cavallari takes on the Kardashians

► Reality star Cavallari accuses famous family of spreading false rumours

THE WORD

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Oh, snap! I've never been a super fan of Kristin Cavallari as, really, I'm not too sure what there is to be

impressed by.

But I might have a change of heart as she totally called out the Kardashians on The Billy Bush Show on Wednesday.

Here's the backstory: Life & Style is running a story that Scott Disick, the boyfriend and baby daddy of Kourtney Kardashian, fooled around with Cavallari before hooking up with Kourtney.

Kristin says this is "100 per cent not true" and accused the Kardashians of

making news where there is none.

(The Kardashians flaming gossip rumours? Never!)

"What convenient timing for them. With their show premiering next week and with everything that's going on for Kim, I

feel like they're trying to take the heat off her," she told Bush.

"When there's a big story like that, they always call you and ask if you want to comment and clearly none of them denied it, so it's very — it's really disrespectful to me.

... I'm in a committed relationship. It's disrespectful to me and Jay (Cutler) and I think it just says a lot about their character."

Um, everything that has happened in the past year with the Kardashians says a lot about their character, don't you think?



► Kristin Cavallari

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Mo' Yeater problems

Justin Bieber's problems might not be going away as fast as he'd hoped, as reports have surfaced that Mariah Yeater is not actually dropping her paternity suit, having found new lawyers to represent her. But first she needs to do some clean-up work.

TMZ has published text messages Yeater reportedly sent to a friend suggesting her baby's father is someone other than Bieber. "pleeease ERASE ALL MESSAGES from my mom where she says Tristyn is Robbies Son," one message reads, while a second seems far more incriminating: "Ill kick u when we get paid im trusting you pleeease."

Her "friends" were fiscally savvy; they realized TMZ would pay for text messages before Yeater could. ● METRO

Demi Moore and Ashton are done

Demi Moore is ending her marriage to Ashton Kutcher. The 49-year-old actress announced her divorce plans to The Associated Press Thursday, saying she's doing it with "great sadness and a heavy heart."

She said that "as a

woman, a mother and a wife, there are certain values and vows that I hold sacred, and it is in this spirit that I have chosen to move forward with my life."

Moore adds that it's a trying time for her and her family, so she asked for people to respect her privacy.

Moore and Kutcher were wed in September 2005. The couple's relationship became tabloid fodder in recent months as rumours swirled about Kutcher's alleged infidelity.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



► Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore.

Celebrity tweets



Just told Billy Crystal he'd better not use any of my holocaust or pedophile material at The Oscars. He agreed

@EvaLongoria



I always find a way to the kitchen wherever I am!

@MissKelly0



yaay so many of my friends are in town from london i'm so happy! was starting to get really really home sick!

@ActuallyNPH



I was just looking back at my first few tweets, and I realize that I've really grown a lot since then. Matured.



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Baking guides



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The series includes *Holiday Candy and Confections*, with a selection of goodies to get you through the Yuletide season, as well as a guide to cupcakes and a tome on creative ways to bake chocolate chip cookies. HarvardCommonpress.com

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German designer proves that milk does a body good — even when it's worn.

Put on your baker's hat

- ◆ Forget running out to the bakery next time you want fresh bread
- ◆ These recipes offer three variations so you can keep on baking

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The appeal of quick breads isn't merely the ease, though you have to love any baked good that is no more complicated than mixing a bunch of things together, then baking.

But it also is the adaptability and flexibility of these recipes that have earned them such a coveted place in the home kitchen. They can be flavoured with nearly any combination of ingredients, from sweet all the way to savoury and spicy.

They also can be baked in numerous styles — loaves large or small, as muffins, even simply as muffin tops (if you have the right pan).

To help get you baking this fall, here are two basic quick bread base recipes; one savoury and one sweet. Each recipe includes suggested flavourings — easy ways to take a basic bread and turn it into so much more.

Savoury Quick Bread Preparation:

- 1 Heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Coat a loaf or muffin pan with cooking spray.



Savoury Quick Bread

► This recipe makes 1 loaf or 12 muffins.

- 2 In a large bowl, whisk together flour, cornmeal, baking powder, salt and sugar. In another bowl, mix together sour cream, butter, eggs, mashed potato and the mix-ins of your choice. Add potato-sour cream mixture to flour mixture and mix just until combined.

- 3 For loaf, spread batter into prepared pan. Cook until a wooden skewer inserted at the centre comes out clean, 60 minutes. For muffins, spoon batter into prepared tins and bake 20 minutes. Let cool for 10 minutes in pan, then turn out onto a cooling rack. Let loaf cool fully before cutting. **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL**

Ingredients:

- 500 ml (2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) cornmeal
- 12 ml (2 1/2 tsp) baking powder
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) sugar
- 250 ml (1 cup) sour cream
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) melted butter
- 2 eggs
- 250 ml (1 cup) cooked, mashed potato (unseasoned)
- Mix-ins (see fact box)

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Variations

- **Southwestern**
125 ml (1/2 cup) diced cooked bacon, 50 ml (1/4 cup) cooked diced green pepper, 125 ml (1/2 cup) cooked diced onion, 15 ml (1 tbsp) diced jalapeno
- **Olive-herb**
175 ml (3/4 cup) chopped olives, 125 ml (1/2 cup) grated Parmesan, 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped capers, 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh thyme, 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh rosemary
- **Blue cheese walnut**
50 ml (1/4 cup) diced roasted red pepper, 125 ml (1/2 cup) toasted chopped walnuts, 125 ml (1/2 cup) crumbled blue cheese, 2 ml (1/2 tsp) black pepper

Falling for a hint of sweet



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Whoever thought up raking leaves needs a good talking to. Not that I couldn't use the exercise, it's just that the whole exertion thing really detracts from the enjoyment of my favourite time of year.

I love fall, and even though mid-November can be a bit dreary, this calm before the pre-Christmas storm is a perfect opportunity to light that first fire of the season and get comfy with a glass or two of red wine.

When the weather outside starts to chill, reds — especially those with a good balance of tannin and bright berry fruit — make for fine imbibing with or without food. Find one with an accent of residual sugar and you've got a cocktail tippie that easily overshadows the appeal of a pint of ale or fancy mixed drink.

One of the latest new wave wines that isn't afraid to throw around a bit of sweetness is Apothic Red 2009 Wine-maker's Blend (\$14.99 - \$17.48). Made by E & J Gallo, it's a swirling mix of syrah, zinfandel and merlot that's smooth and juicy with a finalé of big berry fruit.

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Variations

- **Cinnamon-pumpkin**
Substitute pumpkin puree for the applesauce. Add 5 ml (1 tsp) cinnamon, 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground ginger, 1 ml (1/4 tsp) nutmeg, 125 ml (1/2 cup) crushed toffee chips and 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped toasted pecans
- **Lemon-blueberry**
Zest and juice of 2 lemons and 250 ml (1 cup) frozen wild blueberries
- **Chocolate cherry orange**
Zest of 2 oranges, 125 ml (1/2 cup) mini chocolate chips, 175 ml (3/4 cup) dried cherries

Sweet Quick Bread

Preparation:

- 1 Heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Coat a loaf or muffin pan with cooking spray.
- 2 In a large bowl, whisk together oil, sugar, eggs, applesauce, water and vanilla. In another

bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and the mix-ins of your choice. Gently stir flour mixture into applesauce mixture just until combined.

- 3 For a loaf, spread batter into prepared pan. Cook until a wooden skewer

inserted at the centre comes out clean, 50 to 60 minutes. For muffins, spoon batter into prepared tins and bake for 18 to 20 minutes. Let cool for 10 minutes in pan, then turn out onto a cooling rack. Let loaf cool fully before cutting.

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Ingredients:

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) vegetable oil
- 300 ml (1 1/4 cups) sugar
- 2 eggs

- 250 ml (1 cup) applesauce (or see cinnamon-pumpkin note in mix-ins fact box)
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) water
- 5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla extract
- 500 ml (2 cups) all-

- purpose flour
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) baking powder
- 5 ml (1 tsp) baking soda
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- Mix-ins (see fact box)



► This recipe makes 1 loaf, or 12 muffins.

Australia. Golf



► Tiger Woods hits out of a bunker on the third hole during the second round of the Presidents Cup golf tournament at Royal Melbourne Golf Course on Friday.

ANDREW BROWN/BILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Woods makes birdie; U.S. takes early lead at Presidents Cup

Tiger Woods ended his birdie drought at the wind-swept Presidents Cup on Friday in Melbourne, Australia, with a curling downhill putt that could have gone off the green if it hadn't hit the centre of the hole. Woods, trying to make up for a 7-and-6 foursomes loss with Steve Stricker on Thursday in which they failed to make a birdie, saw an easier effort on the first hole of his fourballs match Friday lip out, enabling Jason Day and Aaron Baddeley to halve the hole. The Americans took a 4-2 points lead into Friday after winning three foursomes matches and halving two Thursday.

Sticking to ground game

► Establishing run against Blue Bombers crucial for Tiger-Cats' hopes in East final

Marcel Bellefeuille isn't about to mess with success.

An improved ground attack was instrumental in Hamilton's stunning 52-44 overtime East Division semifinal win last weekend over the Montreal Alouettes. The Tiger-Cats' head coach says establishing the run will be crucial for his club in the conference final Sunday against the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

"It (running the football) is something we felt we needed to do in the play-

"If we can knuckle down and ball up and run the football, I think it will make them change their whole gameplan."

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offs to have success, especially against the teams we're playing," Bellefeuille said Thursday. "Going into Winnipeg, being outdoors and considering how stout a defence they are we're going to have to mount some kind of ground game, especially when you're going against the

wind."

Windy conditions are always a factor in Winnipeg, but especially so in late fall when they combine with cold temperatures to make Canad Inns Stadium very inhospitable. The Ticats got a small dose of that Thursday as they practised in cold, breezy weather

with piped-in crowd noise at Ivor Wynne Stadium to simulate conditions they'll face Sunday before a sell-out crowd in the Manitoba capital.

"These were excellent conditions in terms of being able to practise with and against the wind with offence, defence and special teams and having noise," Bellefeuille said. "The conditions we'll face Sunday might be a little colder, but it was very similar."

Bitter cold and wind can wreak havoc on an offence's ability to pass. So establishing the ground game becomes very significant.

Hamilton certainly proved that against Montreal. After finishing the regular season averaging a league-low 90 yards rushing per game, Hamilton had 161 yards on 23 carries (seven-yard average) against a Montreal defence that allowed a CFL-best 92.4 yards on the ground.

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Astros' sale sparks 'historical' day for baseball

Baseball will be making major changes in the next two years — adding two teams to the playoffs, moving the Houston Astros to the American League and extending interleague play to September.

The expanded playoffs could come as early as next year. That will put 10 teams

in the post-season, requiring a new wild-card playoff round that probably will be one game, winner take all.

The altered playoff structure is subject to an agreement on a new labour contract with the players' association, which is expected before the current deal expires Dec. 11.

"We believe, after a lot of study and a lot of thought, that the addition of two wild cards will really help us in the long run," said commissioner Bud Selig, who called it a "historical" morning.

Baseball began its playoff system in 1969 and doubled the playoff teams to eight in

1994.

As a condition for approving the reported \$615 million US sale of the Astros from Drayton McLane to Jim Crane, the Astros agreed to shift from the NL Central to the AL West as soon as 2013, giving each league 15 teams. It's baseball's first realignment

since Milwaukee went to the NL in 1998.

With an odd number of teams in each league, there will be interleague play from April through September. Since interleague games began in 1997, they had been concentrated around May and late-June.

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CLAYTON KERSHAW OF THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS, AFTER WINNING THE NL CY YOUNG AWARD ON THURSDAY.



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Ticats attempt to pen feel-good final chapter



► Ticats quarterbacks Kevin Glenn, left, and Quinton Porter warm up at practice in Hamilton on Thursday.

CFL EXTRA POINTS

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The Hamilton Tiger-Cats can't possibly pull off another upset like the one we witnessed last Sunday in Montreal, can they?

Hamilton was the most schizophrenic team in the CFL this season, surprising even themselves by knocking off the two-time defending Grey Cup champs in the East semifinal.

The trick now is to repeat the performance Sunday in a defensive battle in Winnipeg. The Ticats defence will need to get to Bombers quarterback Buck Pierce, find a way to stop Winnipeg's running game, and create some turnovers.

Is that asking too much?

The vaunted Bombers defence, which coined the term "Swaggerville" and incensed opponents across Canada this season, will have its hands full stopping Tiger-Cats back Avon Cobourne but has a track record to back up their boasts. The Bomber defence allowed the fewest first downs, fewest offensive yards, tied for the lead with the most pass interceptions and posted the most quarterback sacks.

Winnipeg's three wins over Hamilton this season makes them a significant favourite in the East final, although the Tabbies proved in Montreal they can't be taken lightly.

Our pick: Winnipeg by 3

Eskimos vs. Lions: Jerome Messam's absence from Sunday's West final might say more about his contribution to the Edmonton Eskimos this season than if the exciting running back

could play in this playoff showdown. Messam tore the meniscus in his left knee in last weekend's win over Calgary and is out for the season, possibly killing the Eskos' chances of upsetting the heavily favoured B.C. Lions. Messam quieted his many critics this season by becoming the first Canadian in more than a decade to rush for 1,000 yards and his loss is an obvious blow to the Eskimos' chances.

Backups Calvin McCarty and Hugh Charles don't have Messam's running ability. Messam kept defences honest, buying time for Eskimos QB Ricky Ray to get the passing game in gear, which is still the key to Edmonton's offence.

Our pick: B.C. by 6

Jyles not top of list in Argos' QB plans: Jim Barker is wearing his best poker face, but he's not fooling anyone.

Barker is telling everyone who'll listen that he intends to re-sign marginally

talented backup quarterback Steven Jyles as the Toronto Argos starter next season.

The reality is Barker's Argos are desperate for a proven winner on offence who can also sell tickets and Calgary QB Henry Burris is a perfect fit in both categories.

At the same time, it's hard to believe the Stampeder will punt the CFL's 2010 Most Outstanding Player, but it comes down to a numbers game — the zeroes on Burris's paycheck.

At a reported \$350,000-\$400,000 per season, Burris is easily the highest player on the Stamps and his departure will clear up at least \$200,000 of cap space for 2012. With only one team in dire need of a QB, Calgary is handcuffed in a possible trade and Barker's Bluff doesn't improve their chances of getting fair market value.

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Bombers cut Harris ahead of East final

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers released wide receiver Terence-Jeffers Harris Thursday, three days before the CFL's Eastern Conference final.

The 23-year-old scored six touchdowns and caught 77 passes for 894 yards in his two seasons with the Bombers.

"It became evident throughout the course of the season that T.J. was struggling with his position with the team," Winnipeg vice-president and GM Joe Mack, said in a release.

The Bombers host the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the East final this weekend.

"With our club preparing for this crucial game Sunday, it became clearer that he was having difficulty coming to terms with the challenges of limited playing time," Mack said.

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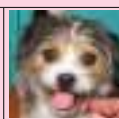


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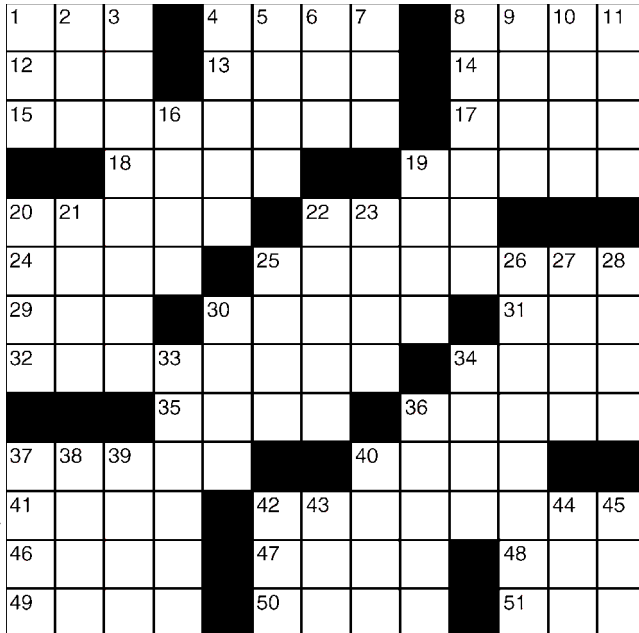
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► Thursday's answer



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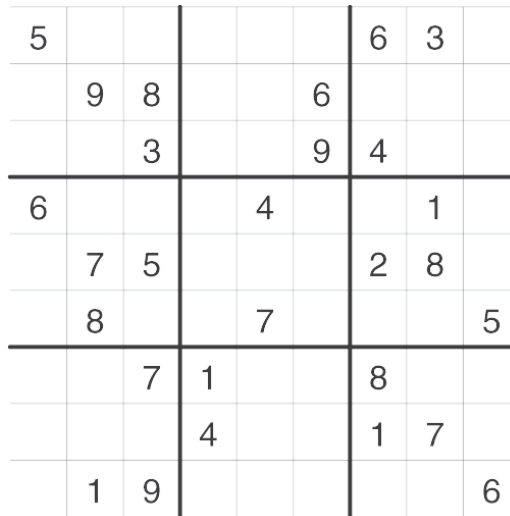
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Thursday's answer ►

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Today's horoscope

♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20 Use your charm to get what you need today – but make sure what you need is good for other people too.

♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21 Be on your guard and make sure you don't fall for any misinformation.

♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 You are worrying too much, but if it bothers you that much, get it checked out by an expert.

♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 Romantically this is a time of great opportunity, so don't be shy.

♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 If there is a project you still have not finished you might as well forget it.

♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Don't sit at home waiting for life to come to you – go out and meet it halfway.

♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you let things drift or let other people call the shots you could find yourself out of touch and maybe out of pocket too.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Make the most of your chances over the next few days.

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1. Changed colour of street sign 2. Doubled the blue frame in the bottom left window 3. Added sign to telephone pole left of the 2012 Chevrolet Equinox 4. Removed flower bed from top window sill 5. Added manhole below the 2012 Chevrolet Equinox 6. Added orange reflector onto the 2012 Chevrolet Equinox 7. Filled in bottom frame of the corner window 8. Removed one-way sign 9. Changed colour of fire hydrant 10. Removed horizontal brace from roof of the building



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